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Madrid, Sept. 7.

ON the 31st past, about 4 in the Afternoon, the Peace between Spain and France was solemnly sworn by his Catholick Majesty. The Ceremony was performed in the *Salon Doxado* (as they call it) a spacious and beautiful Hall of the Palace, at the upper end whereof was erected a Stage 2 or 3 steps high, very well hung, and covered with rich Carpets; in the middle of it was placed a Canopy and Chair of State for the King; at the foot of the Stage, on the right hand, a Chair was put for the Cardinal *Portocarrero* Archbishop of *Toledo* (who was sworn of the Council of State 2 days before) and over against the same, on the left hand, a bench covered with Velvet for the French Ambassador; below the Cardinal, another long bench was placed for the *Grandees*, joyning to his seat; and behind his Chair stood *Don Antonio Benavides* Patriark of the *Indies* and several other Persons of Quality. The Cardinal and Ambassador being in their places, and the 4 Kings at Arms, in their Coats, standing close to the Wall on the Kings left hand, with the 4 Mace-bearers in their proper stations, the King, accompanied with several *Grandees* and Gentlemen of his Bed-chamber, came in, to whom all the Company made a reverence, and his Majesty putting off his hat to the Cardinal, went up and sat in his Chair, from whence making a sign to the Cardinal and Ambassador that they should sit, those that followed his Majesty retired; then *Don Pedro Coloma* Secretary of State read aloud his Most Christian Majesties Commission, Authorizing, the Marquis of *Villars* his Ambassador to be present at, and Witnesses of this Solemnity. After which, the Cardinal read the formular of the Oath, which his Majesty on his knees swore with his hand on the Holy Gospel, the Patriark of the *Indies* as chief Almoner, having laid before him a Mass-Book and Crucifex for that purpose; this done, the King stood up, and the Ambassador, advancing up the steps, made a Compliment to his Majesty in the Spanish Language, expressing the resolution with which his Master had intended to take the same Oath on the same day, religiously to observe the Peace between the two Crowns; and to Cultivate the same by all the Acts of a firm Friendship that might be correspondent to the new bond of Consanguinity and Alliance contracted by the Marriage; and having spoken to this effect returned to his place. The Ceremony thus ending, the King retired accompanied as at his entrance; and soon after the *Mayordomo Mayor*, with several *Grandees* and other Persons of Quality came back into the Hall, complimented the Ambassador on the occasion, and conducted him out of the Kings Quarters. From *Cadiz* of the 27th they write, That the *Centurion* was

then in Port, bound for the *Streights*, Vice-Admiral *Herbert*, with the rest of his *Frigates*, Crolling about the *Streights* mouth, in hopes to meet *Canary* at his return, whom he understood to be *Carrening* at *Safia*; That the President of the *Connatation-house* had seized upon 98 bars of Silver which were in a Boat, going privately ashore, belonging to some *Byscayners*, whose loss is computed to be 160 thousand peices of Eight. We hear from *Alican* of the 28th past, That Sir *William Poff* in the *Happy Return* arrived there from *Lybourn* two days before, and proceeded for *Cadiz* that day. *Don Juan* of *Austria* hath been dangerously sick this Fortnight of a tertian Ague; and the Physicians giving very little hopes of his life, this morning he made his will and received the Sacrament, but sweating about three hours this Afternoon, and reposing well afterwards, he appeareth to be much better, and, as is hoped, out of danger.

Prague, Sept. 9. The Emperor is expected here the 14th instant; the Lord Steward, and other principal Officers of the Court, being already come, to prepare for his reception. We have an account that a Turkish Ambassador is arrived at *Vienna*, and that he intends to leave greatest part of his Train there, and to follow the Emperor thither, being charged with matters of great consequence. A blazing Star has been seen of late at *Vienna*.

Hamburg Sept. 19. These Magistrates have not yet (notwithstanding what has been said) been able to accomodate matters with the Elector of *Brandenburg*, they offering him only thirty three Thousand Crowns, which comes far short of his demands; but to bring them to a compliance, the Elector has promised to restore all the Vessels taken, by his Privateers, since the 15th of August last. And on the other side our Magistrates have resolved to pray the Most Christian King to be Arbitrator in these differences. We are told that the *Suedes* are not pleased with the manner of concluding the Peace between them and the *Danes*, which was done at *Paris*, and the Treaty ratified by *France*, before any Minister of *Denmark* had signed the Articles. The Duke of *Holfstein* thinks he ought, besides being restored to his Countries, to have expected some recompence for the damages he has sustained, and at least to have had back the *Carion* (being 100 brass Peices, as good as any in *Europe*) which were taken out of *Tunningen* when it was seized and dismantled by *Denmark*. The Ministers of the Crown of *Sueden*, and of the Dukes of *Luxenburg* are met at *Luxenburg*, with a good prospect of determining the points in controversy between them. The said Princes are disbanding, and three Regiments are raising in these parts for the service of *Sueden*.

Paris, Sept. 27. All the news about Town is, that *Don Juan* of *Austria* is dead, not without suspicion of having been poisoned, but what ground there is for it, cannot say.